

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION to congratulate Indianapolis Metropolitan High School on winning the Indiana Class A basketball championship in 2011, the team's first title in the four years of its existence.

Whereas, Metropolitan High School was chartered in Indianapolis in 2004, with its basketball team in just its fourth year in existence, and its third year of state tournament competition; and,

Whereas, Metropolitan is a diverse school, educating many students from many different backgrounds, who have already faced numerous challenges in their lives, requiring dedication and perseverance; and,

Whereas, the basketball team has no home gym, nor practice uniforms, plays every game on the road, and slept in their coach's home the night before the final game, and so were



made to overcome substantial obstacles simply in order to play the game; and,

Whereas, the Metropolitan Pumas rose quickly from being relative unknowns to becoming one of the tournament standouts, with ESPN featuring Metropolitan's Jerrbryon Graves' game-winning half-court shot over regional opponent Madison Shawe Memorial; and,

Whereas, the Pumas overcame their opponents, the Triton High School Trojans, 59-55 in the final game, holding off a late Trojan rally and featuring four players scoring in double figures; and,

Whereas, the Metropolitan Pumas and their success on and off the basketball court are to be commended for their hard work and perseverance, as a model for new schools trying to establish themselves: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives officially recognizes and congratulates the boys basketball team of Indianapolis Metropolitan High School on their victory at the Class A state basketball tournament in only their fourth year in existence, and congratulates them on their determination, will to succeed, and success in the face of adversity.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House transmit a copy of this resolution to Coach Nick Reich of Metropolitan High School and the members of the Pumas basketball team.

